

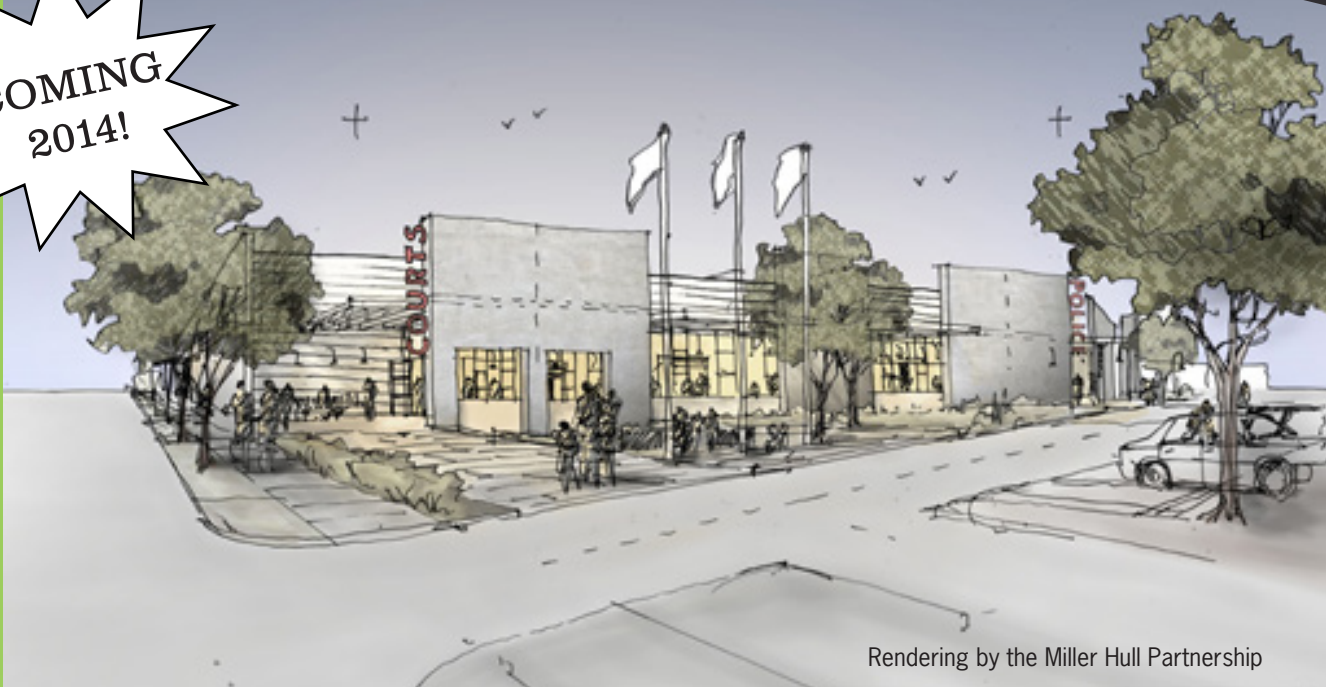


City of Kirkland

Public Safety Building

11831-120th Avenue NE

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Rendering by the Miller Hull Partnership

The City of Kirkland is designing a Public Safety Building to be built in the Totem Lake Business District. In anticipation of serving 30,000 new residents due to the largest annexation in Kirkland's history, the City purchased an existing commercial building for the purpose of co-locating police and court services to better serve Kirkland's population of 81,000. Police, Corrections, and Municipal Court staff work closely to coordinate services to ensure the public is safe and that all customers are treated fairly.

The building provides the following benefits:

- Locates the base for police, corrections, and court services in the geographic center of the City.
- Improves the Kirkland Police Department's operational spaces and reduces costly inefficiencies, such as misdemeanor transportation from multiple contracted jail facilities to the Court.
- Increases on-site parking for Kirkland Municipal Court clients and jurors, reducing on-street parking.
- Provides stable jail costs for housing misdemeanants to meet current needs and increases the capacity for use of alternative sentencing such as electronic home detention.
- Provides for cost savings by retrofitting an existing building rather than constructing a new building.

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KIRKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Current Conditions

The Kirkland Police Department (KPD) employs commissioned and non-commissioned civilian personnel who provide patrol, traffic, investigation, special response, corrections, and administrative services. Police coverage is provided around the clock, seven days a week, 365 days a year. On average, 10 officers are patrolling eight geographic districts during each shift.

In 1995, the Kirkland Police Department employed more than 75 personnel. Today, there are over 135 total KPD employees. The majority of staff continue to occupy the same 23,000 square foot office area at City Hall. In anticipation of hiring additional officers for the 2011 annexation, it was necessary to relocate some personnel to the City Hall Annex who now occupy about 3,000 square feet. Despite the relocation, the original square footage of the KPD can no longer accommodate the space needs for personnel, a crime lab, evidence room, and storage.

Cities are responsible for housing misdemeanor inmates charged with crimes such as driving under the influence, domestic violence, and driving while license suspended. Those charged with felony crimes are transferred to the King County Jail. Juveniles are transferred to the King County Juvenile Detention facility. The KPD operates a 12-bed, male-only misdemeanor jail in City Hall. Most inmates, including all misdemeanor females, have to be transported and held in contracted jail facilities located in other cities and counties. Kirkland houses inmates for the communities of Medina, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, and Yarrow Point on a contract basis.

The total average inmate count per day is 57 persons; the average number who are housed in Kirkland's jail is 14. The average stay of a Kirkland-housed inmate is two days; the average length of stay for those transported to other facilities is 18 days.

Planned Improvements

The new facility will provide nearly 80,000 square feet of space and will initially include space for 55 inmates with the ability to expand to 85 in the future. An updated crime lab, firing range and community meeting space are also planned. The new jail will have the capability to house adult females and juveniles. The co-location of the Court and jail will eliminate most inmate transports. Currently the police vehicle fleet of 66 is serviced at the Public Works Maintenance Center on 8th Street requiring travel time between City Hall and the Maintenance Center. The new facility will include a vehicle maintenance bay on-site putting vehicles and officers back on the street sooner.



Kirkland Municipal Court



KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL COURT

Current Conditions

Since October 2004, the Kirkland Municipal Court (KMC) has been located in the Totem Lake Business Center at 11515 NE 118th Street. KMC hears all non-felony criminal cases and processes all civil infractions, traffic violations and parking violations that occur within Kirkland City limits. On average, KMC processes nearly 30,000 cases each year.

KMC employs 20 personnel who support jury trials, case scheduling, probation, public defender screening, Teen Traffic Court, payment of fines, and administration. Cases are heard by one full-time elected Municipal Court Judge, a part-time Court Commissioner, and various pro tem judges. There is one large courtroom and one small courtroom, one attorney interview room, and a small juror waiting room. The juror room is often filled to capacity making it an uncomfortable environment for jurors waiting to be called. Security is provided at the Court entrance during regular business hours. On-site visitor parking is limited.

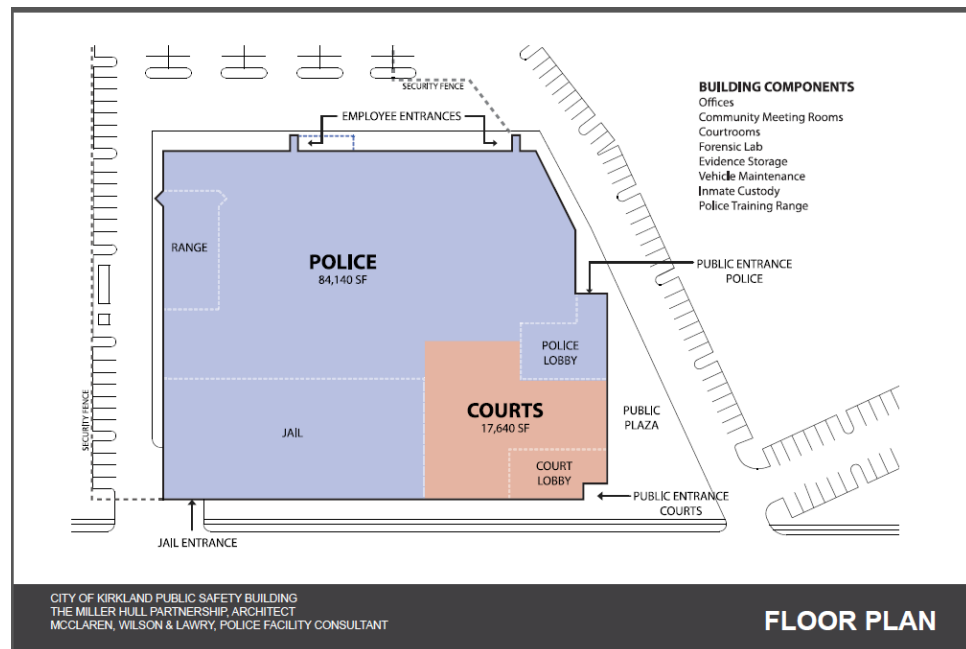
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Co-locating police and court functions provides for better coordination between the two departments. In particular, the new building provides secure passage for in-custody offenders between the jail and the court for hearings. This will increase safety and efficiency by eliminating the need to transport inmates between buildings. The new building will provide for over 17,000 square feet of office area for court function. It will include two courtrooms and a hearing room. Additional parking will create more convenient access for defendants and their families, jurors and attorneys.

ABOUT THE BUILDING & SITE

The City has hired a public safety technical consultant and architectural firm to assist City staff with the design, layout, and furnishing of the building. Costs will be funded primarily from the sale of general obligation bonds, the sale of current City-owned buildings that will be vacated, and from reserve accounts that have been set aside over time for facility upgrades and remodels.

- 102,000 square foot commercial building
- Located in the Totem Lake Business District
- Security fence to be installed around the perimeter of the North Parking Lot
- Designed for 55 jail beds with “rough out” for additional 30 beds
- Layout includes indoor firing range which may or may not be built
- Design provides for secure staff entrances and public entrances for police and court visitors
- Building will have a public meeting space
- A plaza area will be outside of the front entrances
- The City seeks to achieve a LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver designation for the building.



Project Updates

To keep current on the status of this project, please visit www.kirklandwa.gov/publicsafetybuilding or call the Public Works Department, Capital Improvement Program, at 425-587-3800.